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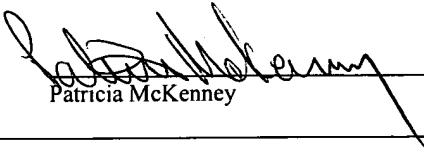
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For: METHOD FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING ATHEROSCLEROSIS
WITH PSGL-1

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DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

Sir:

I, Denisa D. Wagner, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a Professor in the Department of Pathology at Harvard Medical School, and a Senior Investigator at The CBR Institute for Biomedical Research, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts. My Curriculum Vitae is attached hereto as an Exhibit. I am also an inventor of the above-identified patent application. I consider myself to be an expert in the field of cardiovascular medicine and pathology, as reflected in my Curriculum Vitae, and I am well aware of the knowledge level of others skilled in this art.

2. I have reviewed the outstanding Office Action of October 21, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. I am also familiar with the claims of this application, as presently amended, which are directed to methods for treating or inhibiting atherosclerosis by decreasing the formation or growth of plaque on arterial walls. This is accomplished by administering PSGL-1, or selected variants thereof, to a subject over a prolonged period of time, i.e. months or years.

3. I am familiar with the references cited by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. In particular, I have reviewed the Cummings et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,464,778), which I understand to be the primary reference cited in the Office Action.

4. The Cummings et al. reference is generally directed to inflammatory thrombotic conditions such as ischemia and reperfusion. In col. 19, line 64 to col. 20, line 5, the Cummings et al. reference makes the following disclosure relating to atherosclerosis and platelet-leukocyte interactions:

“Platelet-leukocyte interactions are believed to be important in atherosclerosis. Platelets might have a role in recruitment of monocytes into atherosclerotic plaques; the accumulation of monocytes is known to be one of the earliest detectable events during atherogenesis. Rupture of a fully developed plaque may not only lead to platelet deposition and activation and the promotion of thrombus formation, but also the early recruitment of neutrophils to an area of ischemia.”

5. My interpretation of the above cited passage is as follows. Cummings et al. speculate that platelet-leukocyte interactions are important in atherosclerosis. In fact, it is now well established that the key in atherosclerotic lesion development is the direct binding of monocytes to endothelial cells, and the reference does not discuss this. Cummings et al. discusses events following plaque rupture. Such events include thrombus formation leading to ischemic injury causing neutrophil recruitment. This event occurs long after plaque formation which is subject of the present application. The claims of our application specify that the P-selectin is on endothelial cells. Endothelial cells coat the arterial wall, and are not part of the

circulatory system as are the platelets. The plaque rupture, thrombotic events and neutrophil recruitment to the ischemic area discussed in the reference are not part of the present application.

6. I believe that the present invention can be distinguished from the Cummings et al. reference in the following respects. The present invention is directed to the treatment of atherosclerosis by decreasing the formation or growth of plaque on arterial walls. Atherosclerosis is a chronic condition caused by many factors, primarily by excessive plasma cholesterol levels, and results in the deposition of lesions and plaque on arterial walls. The treatment of atherosclerosis requires the long term administration of a medication to a subject in order to result in a meaningful improvement of the condition. This contrast with the treatment of a thrombosis, as disclosed in the Cummings et al. reference, which requires the commencement of an immediate treatment regime in order to prevent the reoccurrence of a thrombotic attack.

7. I also believe that the ability to design a mimetic of PSGL-1 having similar inhibitory characteristics, i.e. the ability to inhibit P-selectin, would be within the skill of a person in the art. Such a mimetic would optimally be designed based on a similarity of charge and shape as stated in the present claims.

8. Based on my knowledge, training and experience, it is my opinion that the references cited in the outstanding Office Action would not teach or suggest the method for treating atherosclerosis as stated in the present claims of the above-identified patent application.

I further declare that statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-identified application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Established Investigator Award, American Heart Association, Biosynthesis of von Willebrand protein by endothelial cells. 1986-1991.

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1991-1996	American Heart Association, Vascular Wall Biology Study Committee

1992-Present	American Heart Association, Council on Thrombosis Executive Committee
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